

We claim:

1. A method for ordering products online, comprising:

5 a) providing a server system for connection to a client system, said server system including product and order databases;

b) allowing the client system to be connected to the server system;

10 c) displaying on the client system a worksheet having rows and columns, two of said columns comprising empty fields;

d) allowing a customer operating the client system to build the worksheet with products desired to be ordered by filling in the empty fields with the product stock number included in the product database and corresponding quantities;

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e) allowing the customer to submit the worksheet to the server system to obtain a quote as to product price and availability or direct delivery by ordering the products listed thereon.

20 2. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by keying in stock numbers for the products included in the product database.

25 3. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by searching the product database by category and adding the product found to the worksheet.

4. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built

by searching the product database by manufacturer part number and adding the product found to the worksheet.

5     5. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by searching the product database by keyword and adding the product found to the worksheet.

6. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by cloning product stock numbers from another worksheet.

7. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by cloning another worksheet.

10     8. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by cloning a product order.

9. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by importing a template.

15     10. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by importing a line item from a previous product order.

11. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by importing a line item from a template.

20     12. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by loading a template into the worksheet and editing each line item as desired.

13. A method as in claim 1, wherein the worksheet is built by loading a template into the worksheet.

14. A method as in claim 1, and further comprising reserving the quote for a predetermined period of time.

25     15. A client server system for ordering products online, comprising:

a) a client server system including a database for products;

b) said system including means for displaying a worksheet on a client system;

5 c) said worksheet including empty fields for entry by a customer of stock numbers and corresponding quantities of the products to be ordered;

d) means for searching for a product from said database and adding the product to the worksheet; and

10 e) means for submitting the filled-in worksheet to order the products listed thereon.

16. A client server system as in claim 15, and further including means for saving said filled-in worksheet for later retrieval.

15 17. A client server system as in claim 15, and further comprising means for cloning said filled-in worksheet.

18. A client server system as in claim 15, and further including means for saving said filled-in worksheet as a template.

20 19. A client server system as in claim 18, and further comprising means for importing product information from an existing template to said worksheet.

20. A website for ordering products online, comprising:

25 a) a server system for connecting to a client system through the Internet, said server system including a product database;

b) said server system including software for displaying a worksheet on a monitor of the client system;

c) said worksheet including rows and columns;

d) said worksheet including empty fields for entry of  
5 stock numbers and corresponding quantities of the products to be ordered, said empty fields being adapted to be filled by a customer operating the client system; and

e) said software including means for searching the product database for products to be added to said worksheet.

10 21. A website as in claim 20, wherein:

a) said software includes a presentation layer;

b) a business layer communicating with said presentation layer; and

c) a data layer communicating with said business  
15 layer.

22. A monitor display in a client system for ordering products online, comprising:

a) worksheet including rows and columns; and

b) said worksheet including empty fields for entry of  
20 stock numbers and corresponding quantities of the products to be ordered.